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C.C.F. Campaign To Curb Prices

Labor Wins In Swedish Civic Vote

OTTAWA, (CPA). — Democratic Socialists have won overwhelming victories in the municipal elections held throughout Sweden on September 17. It was a return to office, with an advance in popular favor, of the Socialists; their percentage of the total vote was 49 per cent, as compared with 44.4 in the 1946 elections, and 46.1 in 1948.

The People's Party, or Liberals, also gained more votes than before, dealing a severe blow to the Conservatives, who have been regressing for some time. The election was a particular debacle for the Communists, who saw a dozen office-holders swept from the Stockholm city hall, including their national party leader.

Only in the city of Stockholm was the pattern of social democratic victories upset. The increased Liberal vote off-set the drop in Conservative support, and together these old parties have taken power from the Social Democrats in Stockholm for the first time in many years.

To Upper House
The elections were of a national political importance because of the (Continued on page 8)

THE PAY IN PATRIOTISM



Dr. Frank Scott Coming

Interesting Program For C.C.F. Convention Here

Preparations are well in hand for the annual provincial convention of the C.C.F., which takes place in Edmonton on November 16, 17 and 18. It is a membership convention, and it is hoped that many C.C.F. members throughout the province, as well as delegates, will be in attendance.

"I hope we can have the biggest convention of our history," said William Irvine, provincial director of organization, before leaving on an extensive organizing tour on Monday. "It will be worth anyone's while to come to Edmonton to hear Dr. Frank Scott's address," Mr. Irvine added. The provincial organizer said Professor Scott's speech at the opening of the national convention in Vancouver was one of the best he had ever heard.

Urges Big Attendance
"It looks as if our convention will be one of the most interesting we have ever had," was the comment of the provincial leader, Elmer E. Roper, in referring to the November gathering. "But more important than the interest which the convention will hold is (Continued on page 8)

"PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS" TALK BY E. ROPER

Another "Provincial Affairs" radio talk will be given by Elmer E. Roper, M.L.A., C.C.F. Provincial leader, on Monday, October 23, at 6:45 p.m. Provincial network stations CFRN, Edmonton; CFBN, Calgary, and CHAT, Medicine Hat, will carry the talk.

Cost Of Living Highest In History Of Canada

ROPER CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

"The federal government should give immediate heed to the very clear-cut demand of the Canadian people for a curb on runaway prices," said C.C.F. Provincial Leader Elmer E. Roper, M.L.A., in a statement issued this week. "Through public opinion polls and expressed in resolutions of Labor and Farm organizations there is a clear indication of public support of the re-imposition of price controls," he said.

"The Canadian people are not asking for something about which they know nothing," commented Mr. Roper. "They had the experience of price controls during the war. They have now gone through a period of rapidly rising prices without controls. So whatever may have been the disadvantages of controls, the Canadian people clearly prefer them to the spiralling of prices that is now going on."

OTTAWA (CPA) — "The cost-of-living index (1698) establishes a new high record and there is every indication that prices will soar still further," said C.C.F. National Secretary, Lorne Ingle, in announcing that the C.C.F. would begin an immediate, nation-wide campaign for the re-imposition of price controls. Mr. Ingle said the C.C.F. is convinced that a vast majority of the Canadian people would like to see a comprehensive system of price controls re-established. "So far," he pointed out, "the government has refused to take any action, except to free the dollar. It is doubtful if this will have any appreciable or lasting effect in preventing further inflation. The only way to do that is to re-establish price controls."

Can't Wait for U.S.
The government has contended that it is impossible to introduce price controls in Canada as long as there isn't any curb on prices in United States. But, as C.C.F. National Leader, M. J. Coldwell, pointed out in a radio address on Tuesday, in the last war the United States did not put price controls into effect until more than a year after Canada called a halt to spiralling prices. If it could be done in 1941 without American co-operation, it can be done now, concluded Mr. Coldwell, when (Continued on Page 7)

TRADE UNIONISM GROWS IN CANADA

OTTAWA, (CPA). — Canada had a total trade union membership of 1,005,639 at the end of 1949, an increase of almost three per cent over the previous twelve months, according to Department of Labor statistics released on September 20. Inclusion of Newfoundland unions in the survey for the first time accounted for about 24,000 among the total membership. This was in part responsible for a substantial advance in the membership of international and of independent local unions. Some falling off in membership of a few purely Canadian unions was noted.

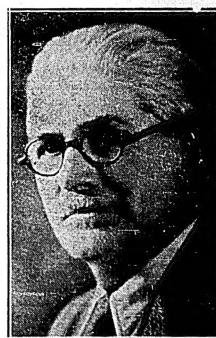
Continuous Increase
An almost continuous increase in union membership since 1939 has been recorded. Figures are given to the nearest thousand, for some of the years in the decade from 1939 to 1949:
1939 — 359,000; 1945 — 711,000; 1949 — 1,005,639.

The membership of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada with (Continued on page 8)

WELSH ACCENT BY COURTESY OF BEVAN!

OTTAWA, (CPA). — A recent Canadian Press short from Copthorne, England, reports that before preaching his sermon at a Roman Catholic Church here, Father Camillus said: "You will have to excuse me if I develop a Welsh accent. I am wearing Anurbin Bevan's teeth for the first time."

Speaking Here



DR. W. H. ALEXANDER well known to readers of the People's Weekly, will be in Edmonton on Monday, October 16, under the auspices of the Royal Society of Canada, to address a public meeting in Convocation Hall, on the topic, "The Religion of Classicism." The lecture, which will be untechnical in character, will be of wide interest to laymen. Prior to leaving Edmonton to become a senior professor of Latin at the University of California, at Berkeley in 1938, Dr. Alexander was dean of the faculty of arts and science at the University of Alberta. There will be no admission charge for the lecture which commences at 8:15 p.m.



PERSONAL STUFF BY E. E. R.

In the course of a group conversation the other day a man prominent in Alberta politics (not in the C.C.F.) said the tragic thing about Canadian politics was that so many voters went to the polls in the same spirit as they went to the races—to try to pick a winner. It's too true. Of course, it's nice to win, and discouraging to lose all the time. But no one ever "loses" by working and fighting and voting for a worthwhile principle. To most of us in the C.C.F. the problem of finding a winner in the political race would not have been any more difficult than it is for other people. But it would have taken us out of the C.C.F. and would have involved the abandonment of principles which we believe to be important, not to say sacred. And the reason we have a C.C.F. movement at the moment in Canada is because there are a good many people who believe the C.C.F. principles are right, and they believe it is better to be right than to be on the winning side.

And make no mistake about it, Democratic Socialism is not losing in the world. There was an election (Continued on page 8)

LABOR WINS FOURTH STRAIGHT BY-ELECTION

LONDON, England.—Winning its fourth straight by-election since the general election last February, Laborite A. L. Ungood-Thomas polled 18,777 votes to 13,642 for Conservative H. A. Taylor in a straight two-way fight in Leicester on September 28.

In the general election the seat had been contested by a Liberal and a Communist as well. Although the Conservative candidate had the backing of the Liberals this time Labor's majority was only 678 less than in the general election.

TO SHOW BRITISH INDUSTRIAL FILMS

REGINA.—A series of British industrial films was shown for the first time in Canada, in connection with British Trade Week in Saskatchewan, October 2 to 7.

The films were secured from the United Kingdom at the request of the trade services division of the provincial department of co-operation, and will be available for showing on all film circuits where no admission fee is charged.

W. J. Hanson, director of trade services, said 60 different films would be available. They are documentary films on British industry, distributed by the Aims of Industry Ltd., a non-profit industrial public relations organization sponsored by firms large and small throughout the United Kingdom.

For Alberta Taxpayers

When Comes The Pay-Off?

I WISH FIRST to refer to one of the Premier's statements in his address last week. In effect he said that the Social Credit government in Alberta has found it impossible to give us Social Credit because of constitutional barriers. That interested me very much.

Back in 1935 Mr. Manning and the late Mr. Aberhart were very emphatic in telling us that there was nothing in the Canadian constitution that would prevent the institution of Social Credit in the province. They heaped scorn and ridicule upon those who tried to show that Social Credit proposals could not be implemented in a province; that under the British North America Act financial matters came under the jurisdiction of the federal parliament.

High-Sounding Words

The Premier in his broadcast last Monday spoke of "repeated efforts to win for you the measure of control in the financial field necessary to your attainment of a standard of living in keeping with the productive capacity of our vast physical resources." Those are high sounding words indeed. But I say categorically that the only legislation which the present government has passed to implement Social Credit was legislation that everyone, including members of the government, knew perfectly well was not within the constitutional powers of the provincial legislature. It's a pretty safe maneuver to pass legislation which you know you have no power to carry out. It's easy then to say, "Well, we tried didn't we?" I'll go further and say that even if the so-called Social Credit legislation the government did pass had not been declared to be ultra vires, it wouldn't have brought Social Credit. It would have brought nothing but confusion and loss, like the ill-fated prosperity certificates and the treasury branch bonuses; stupid, ill-considered and unworkable experiments.

Oil Resources

As a matter of fact there has been some monetization of the natural resources of the province. It wasn't done by any financial hocus-pocus, but by recognizing to at least a limited extent that the natural resources belong to the people.

This monetization of some of our oil resources for the benefit of the people of the province has resulted in unprecedented revenues which have made possible some reduction in the provincial debt, the construction of roads and other public works, and the province has about seventy million dollars in the bank. Most of this money has come in by the sale of leases on crown oil lands.

RADIO TALK BY ELMER E. ROPER, M.L.A. IN "PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS" SERIES

You will remember I am sure that up to the time of the discovery of the Leduc oil field any oil company could reserve up to eight hundred thousand acres of land upon which to search for oil. The regulations then provided that a company holding such a reservation could, if it found oil, lease all or any part of its reservation. Thus it was that the discovery company in the Leduc field got all the crown land in that field.

You will remember, too, that we protested in the strongest possible terms against this situation and urged that the province should reserve for itself at least fifty per cent of the crown land in any area where exploration was being carried on. It was our thought that when a field was proven the government would hold fifty per cent of the proven land, and develop it by public ownership for the people.

Part of Proposal Adopted

Part of this proposal was adopted by the government. It began to reserve fifty per cent of the crown land in each area where exploration was taking place. And when the Redwater field came in, the government found itself in possession of fifty per cent of the rich oil land in that area.

The financial windfall that has come to the province has come from the sale of leases on these crown reserves. The company which discovered the field got leases on 50% of the land in return for the cost of exploration and its financial risks. That was reward enough, and more than enough. But in Leduc it got all the crown land. All the people of the province are getting out of the Leduc field is the 12½% royalty. In the Redwater field we are getting the 12½% royalty from all wells and large cash payments for leases on crown reserves. It is

these cash bonuses that have changed the financial picture in the province.

No Financial Hocus-Pocus

I repeat that it wasn't any financial hocus-pocus that brought about this result, but the disposal of our natural resources.

Now I'd like to suggest two ways in which some of this partial monetization of one of our resources can be used to provide some direct benefit to the people of the province.

One is to meet the request of the Alberta Motor Association to reduce license fees on private cars to \$10, the license rate in Ontario. We now have the highest automobile license rate in Canada. Automobile owners are paying in much more than the government is spending on roads. Up until a couple of years ago I was opposed to any reduction in auto license fees. True, the fees were unjustly high, but the province needed roads and needed money to build them. But the situation has changed. We can now pay for the roads without continuing to soak the automobile owner.

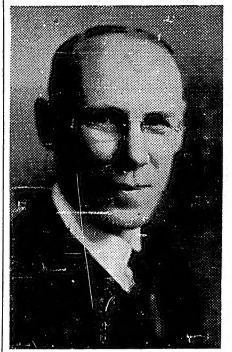
Surely our new oil revenue should bring a reduction of taxes. I suggest that there is scarcely any other tax imposed by the province which affects as many people as automobile licences. Most families have a car. Most families would save from ten to twenty dollars a year by a reduction in the license fee to \$10, the same fee as in Ontario. That's one way that we could pass on some of the increased revenues to the people of the province.

There is another way in which the province's increased revenues could be made to help the taxpayers of the province. That is by taking over some of the debts of

municipalities. School boards and municipalities have to borrow money to pave streets, extend utilities and build schools. They must borrow from the financial interests and pay up to four per cent interest. The province has seventy million dollars lying idle right at this moment.

The Premier told us in the legislature last winter that the province was earning just over one per cent on its surplus funds. The government could, therefore, refund some of the municipal debt, charging the municipal taxpayers not more than 1½ per cent and the taxpayers would save the difference between that and what they are now paying to the private interests who hold their loans.

No business firm which had seventy million dollars in the bank would have its branches paying three to four per cent on borrowed money. Why should the municipal taxpayers of Alberta be paying high interest rates to private financial interests while a huge sum of their money is lying in the



ELMER E. ROPER, M.L.A.

bank earning a little over one per cent?

I think most Alberta people would agree that even a small opposition group in the legislature has been able to have some influence on the policies of the government in respect to natural resources. This has been possible only because of the development of a public demand. The time has now come for the people of Alberta to demand that some of the increased revenues of the province should be passed on to the taxpayers in the way of reduced taxes and increased services.

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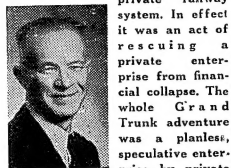
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A DIFFERENT STORY

When it comes to nationalization of industry it makes all the difference who is doing it and how.

A few years ago the Canadian government "nationalized" a private railway system. In effect it was an act of rescuing a private enterprise from financial collapse. The whole Grand Trunk adventure was a planless, speculative enterprise by private promoters spending overseas funds. Investors were guaranteed high interest rates and many fortunes were made by contractors engaged in the project. The cost was so excessive that it became obvious competitive rates could never provide the fixed charges for investors.



The whole McKenzie and Mann enterprise became known as a white elephant. Normally, a capitalist government objects strenuously to any suggestion of nationalization. But not in this case. Capital interests had to be protected by some government action. "Nationalization" was the method by which overseas investors were guaranteed their interest rates from the public treasury.

And now, when the British Socialist government is nationalizing the steel industry some people may wonder who is going to benefit—the people or the investors. Well, it's a different story. The very fact that so much opposition has been raised by private interests indicates that this is no "rescue party" for stockholders. Some 250,000 shareholders are involved in the transaction, which is relatively a small proportion of the 50 million people on the British Isles. Nationalization of the British steel industry is not confined to manufacturers of steel. It involves 92 concerns, including everything from blast furnaces to hairpin manufacturers. Steel is so basic in British industry that the nationalization will affect almost every phase of British life.

A board of directors appointed by the government will administer this great holding company. It will plan and co-ordinate the activities of this multiple national enterprise in the interests of the national economy. If there is any surplus in the course of operation, such surplus will pour into the public treasury to be used for the benefit of all the people instead of a few thousand shareholders.

British sailors and soldiers for the first time will use arms that pay no dividends to arms manufacturers. The same will apply to domestic and export goods involving steel and iron. The advantages for British industry are obvious.

American and European private steel enterprise resent it bitterly. They know it means stiffer competition on world markets. If it were not for the dread of Communist aggression there would be penalties imposed on the British people for this act in the form of restricted American aid. Under the circumstances Americans can not afford to interfere in the domestic

RESENTS PROPAGANDA MATERIAL

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: I have just read a letter in your issue of September 16th, (slightly in excess of 300 words) under the heading, "Disrupts Agricultural Economy." The writer strongly opposes the use and sale of margarine and would have the government ban it entirely. I have always regarded the cow as one of the best friends of man and it would be a calamity if dairy-farming became extinct. I am in sympathy with the effort on the part of the farmers to promote the use of butter and their feeling of resentment toward fellow-farmers who sell their butter to buy margarine.

But I strongly resent some of the propaganda material that is being used and that is, the suggestion that margarine is unfit for human consumption. A former correspondent referred to it contemptuously as a concoction of oils and greases and the recent writer suggests that the ingredients used may even be filthy and insanitary. We have been assured by competent authority that margarine is wholesome, nutritious and health-giving and as one who sometimes uses it, I resent the insinuation, that for the sake of using a cheaper article, I use food which is hardly fit for human consumption. I presume that the writer claims for himself and exercises the right to spend his money how and where he pleases and where he considers he can get the best value. Such propaganda is of a rather unsavory nature and I think of doubtful value, to cast reflections upon the quality of food that another may choose for himself. The less of that kind of thing the better.

Yours truly,
(G.S.)
Edmonton.

P.W. ADVERTISING

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: In regard to the controversy about advertising in the People's Weekly, I think a distinction should be made between straight advertising and political propaganda. It does not matter what the political convictions of our advertisers are, as long as they use our paper to advertise their goods. It is an entirely different matter when they wish to use the power of their millions to advertise their politics in a C.C.F. paper. The persons in charge of the paper should then have backbone enough to refuse these ads, regardless of financial consequences. One of the main characteristics of a Socialist should

affairs of the British Commonwealth. So, indirectly, the Soviet foreign policy is assisting the Socialist program of Great Britain.

And, what about the former shareholders? Are they going to make a killing? Will the national steel industry be saddled with a financial ball and chain like the Canadian C.N.R.? Not much! The present quotations of steel shares on the open market would rate their value about 2½ billion dollars. Dividends are about 5% to 6% on this value. But, the government is not paying the present artificial price. The government will issue certificates on the basis of 1945 and 1948 values of the stock—about 850 million dollars. Three per cent is the interest rate on this value. Subject, of course, to stiff income tax and death duties.

As I said above—it makes all the difference who is doing the nationalization and how. Only a Socialist government can carry it out with a social purpose.

Letters to the editor may be published under a pseudonym, but in each case the name and address of the writer must be forwarded to the editor as evidence of good faith. The People's Weekly takes no responsibility for opinions expressed by correspondents and will not publish any letters exceeding 300 words in length.

be that he refuses to acknowledge that the dollar is mightier than the human spirit and we should run our Socialist paper along the same lines.

The refusal of the rulers of the People's Weekly to print letters disagreeing with policy as laid down by conventions belongs in the same chapter. We are supposed to be a people's movement and not a leader's or funder's movement. Policy is developing in the minds of the people every day of the year and criticism of convention decisions should be allowed the day the convention is over, especially if convention decisions have been made beforehand by one of the leader's remarks as at Vancouver. It is too easy for the old hands to run conventions to suit themselves, for this reason we want a running discussion in our paper of all problems interesting C.C.F. members. All we need for protection is the disclaimer at the head of the letters column as we have it now. In a democracy new ideas and the policies of the future need to come from the bottom up, anything hindering this process is the beginning of dictatorship.

Yours,
A. PROEBEL.
Sanguo.

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Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: I've just finished hauling my grain to the elevator, all they'd take. The price was just half a dollar lower than a year ago. What I was permitted to sell was just enough to pay expenses. I've got one of the biggest crops ever, but I won't get as much out of it as I did last year. Everything the farmer sells is going down. Everything he buys is going up.

They "freed" the dollar at Ottawa. The farmers are paying for this "freedom". And why not? Most of them fall for the Social Credit-Liberal-Tory guff about being "free" from the bureaucracy of controls. So it should be worth half a dollar on the wheat and a few dollars a hundred on cattle.

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It's Here!!

The New CCF Research Magazine
"COMMENT"

Commencing October 1st, the C.C.F. National Office has begun the publication of a new Research publication entitled "COMMENT". Attractively printed in two colours, in a handy compact size, each issue of the publication will be devoted to a topic of special interest to C.C.F.'ers. The October issue deals with Canada's Natural Resources and the manner in which they have been exploited and wasted by a greedy capitalism bent on profit. Here, in one compact issue, are the facts about oil, forests, coal, iron, water and power. The source of each item of information and the authority for each figure is given.

The November issue will deal with the thorny question of Federal-Provincial relations, a detailed analysis of the constitutional problems that would confront a C.C.F. government in Canada, the C.C.F.'s proposals for constitutional amendment, the stand of the Saskatchewan C.C.F. government, etc. Other early issues will deal with Full Employment, the United Nations, Farm Marketing, Housing, etc.

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PEOPLE WANT PRICE CONTROL

EVER SINCE the federal government began to discard the controls which were protecting the living standards of the Canadian people, the C.C.F. has been carrying on the fight for the re-imposition of price controls on essential commodities.

The attitude of all other political parties has been against re-imposing any form of controls. Social Crediters, Conservatives, as well as government spokesmen, have been outspoken in their reply to the C.C.F. demand. The implication in all these utterances has been that the C.C.F. is out of step with the desire of the people of Canada in advocating price controls.

During the past few weeks the evidence has been piling up that once again the C.C.F. has been saying in parliament and out of it what the people themselves would say if they had the chance. Both of the national central bodies of Labor, the farm organizations, and individuals through public opinion polls, have been echoing the demand for price controls. The Gallup Poll showed 75% of the people favoring price controls.

WAY TO SHOW LOYALTY

APEALS ARE made in other columns for a big provincial C.C.F. convention in Edmonton in November. The *People's Weekly* wishes to add its plea to C.C.F. members to plan to attend the Edmonton meeting.

The C.C.F., in spite of some setbacks in the past two or three years, is still playing a mighty important part in the political life of Canada. No other political movement exists to keep before the people of Canada the issues which so sharply affect their well-being. The fight which the C.C.F. has been putting up against spiralling prices is a case in point. The movement has been the spearhead in martalling public opinion on this question.

So it is with every important political issue in the country. The contribution which the movement has made to social progress in Canada has been far beyond its representation in parliament or legislatures.

This is a movement, then, of which its membership should be proud. It is a movement to which there should be a steadfast loyalty that will be shown in the sort of rallying that can only be done at a successful convention.

Because this is so, every C.C.F. member in every part of the province who can possibly do so should plan, even at some sacrifice, to be at the Edmonton convention on November 16, 17 and 18.

MR. NEEDHAM vs. THE FACTS

QUITE A NUMBER of Alberta people have been in Britain this summer and most of them have something to say about the economic situation in the Old Land when they return. Not all of their comments are favorable, but for the most part they agree with the facts. Britain is booming, production is climbing rapidly, living conditions are greatly improved. To come back from Britain with any other information is to contradict the findings of all impartial investigators.

But Mr. R. J. Needham, of the *Calgary Herald*, doesn't mind that. Since his return from Britain in the early summer he has been giving his readers a picture of the 1950 Britain that is as jaundiced as it is false. Now he is making speeches with the same content. Speaking to the Rotary Club of Stettin he told a heartrending story of the "degeneration" of the British people, according to the report in the *Stettin Independent*.

We don't think British people would bother getting annoyed over the *Calgary* journalist's querulous lament about their "degeneration". After all, the cold, hard statistics of trade and industry tell a story of "regeneration". And impartial, objective observers, even in the United States, are referring to Britain's progress in the past year as being remarkable, even by American standards.

The minimum evidence of loyalty to the C.C.F. and its principles is to pay up the year's membership fee. Are you by any chance one of those who have neglected that duty so far this year?

Attendance at the C.C.F. provincial convention in November may be an interesting and enjoyable occasion. More important, the C.C.F. needs your presence there.

The British Labor Party is maintaining its record of not having lost a by-election.

THE THIRD COLUMN

REFORMS FROM THE TOP

Clarie Gillis, C.C.F. M.P. for Cape Breton South.

"Ever since I have been in this House, every time there has been any reorganization of the legal structure . . . or of the judiciary it has been done by a bill like this (a bill to increase the number of judges in B.C. and to increase judges' travelling allowances from \$8 to \$10 per day), with reforms from the top, more money spent on administration, more judges, and so on. There has been a complete failure to recognize the fact that the great majority of those who have to seek redress in the courts are without the means to purchase the legal advice necessary to get into those courts and take advantage of the system of justice we dispense."

"I believe if we are going to continue to do this sort of thing, to build a top-heavy, highly paid judiciary across the country, the least we can do is to consider some means of enabling the people who are unfortunate enough to have to go to court to have proper counsel to present their case." (The C.C.F. M.P. called on the Minister of Justice to introduce a bill which would provide for legal aid to people in the lower income brackets.)

START RIGHT AT HOME

Clarie Gillis, M.P., in House of Commons

"What is needed at home to win the battle against Communism is legislation that will effectively cope with the spiral of rising prices that confronts us today; legislation that will prevent undue profiteering out of the \$800 million that we are being asked to vote this session."

THEY PRACTICALLY OWN THE U.S.

"Labor," Washington, Sept. 2:

"About 10 years ago, Senator O'Mahoney's Monopoly Committee revealed that the big life insurance companies had total assets of \$30 billion. This week a financial report showed these assets have more than doubled, to \$61 billion."

"In the past year alone, the life insurance concerns put \$4.7 billion into 'new investments.' About \$2 billion of this went into real estate and another \$2 billion into the securities of corporations."

"At that rate, nearly \$50 billion of new assets will be piled up by the insurance firms in the next 10 years, on top of their present \$61 billion, making a total around \$110 billion."

"A few voices in Congress have warned that, if this keeps up, a few life insurance companies will ultimately just about own the country. Somehow, that does not sound like a desirable development in the United States, which grew to greatness and democracy as a nation of small individual owners."

TIMELY TOPICS

By William Irvine
Director of C.C.F. Organization

DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM ADVANCES

The great emotional furor which was inspired by fear and which used Communism as a red rag to infuriate the populace, is beginning to subside. Democratic Socialism



which never was, and never intends, to be Communist, although designated as such by capitalist opponents, is once again on the march as the only force which can successfully challenge the blind, planless blunderings of capitalism in the western world.

The social democrats of Denmark, although without an absolute majority, has governed the country since 1947. In the election of September 5 last, although a fierce all-out attack was made upon it by the five other parties, namely the Agrarian Liberals, Conservatives, Radical Left, Single Tax and Communist, the Socialists not only retained the seats won in 1947 but increased them by two. The opposition parties tried to form a coalition but as so to oust the Socialists, but the splinter parties could not agree in policy and the Socialists were asked to continue to govern.

Then the news from Sweden is bright as might be expected. In recent municipal elections the Socialists gained 86 new seats, giving them in all 828 seats on municipal councils—more than all other parties put together. This fact makes certain an increased majority for the Socialist government since the councils elect members of the Upper House of the Riksdag.

A New York Times correspondent is quoted by the *Call* as saying that, "Fear of economic insecurity has almost disappeared from Swedish life. Nobody worries about being out of work, nobody worries about being destitute in old age." Of what capitalist country can these things be said? Don't all answer at once.

PRICES STILL RISE

Prices are still climbing. Last month saw the index figure rise to over 169. This really means that the consumer must pay \$1.69 for what he bought for a dollar in 1938. That sort of thing cannot go on without bringing hardship to many people unless incomes are also increased by about two-thirds more than they were in 1938.

Farmers, Labor, the C.C.F., and the public generally have been urging the government to impose price controls. The latest Gallup poll shows that 75 per cent of Canadians want it. The government has so far stubbornly refused to take action. Of course public opinion will eventually be obeyed but not before the big shots are assured of unprecedented profits for the duration of price fixing. Prices will be fixed where they are—not rolled back. The government will say it is impossible to roll back prices, but that the object of price-fixing is to see that prices do not go higher than they were when price control was imposed.

But at present prices, it will please the profiteers to have them fixed indefinitely where they now are. Price control, which never should have been discontinued, may be a doubtful thing if reintroduced now unless it rolls back prices to

where they were before post-war decontrol began. If this is not done and prices are fixed at a level of 169 it will be a case of high prices fixed by law and the government can say later when people protest the continued high prices, that "you asked for it, now you're getting it."

THE EXCEPTION

Farm prices are the only prices that have dropped. During the last year the living costs of farmers went up from 173.3 to 176.7. Their production costs rose from 202.9 to 209.9. Meanwhile prices of farm products have been dropping.

Unpegging the dollar caused a sharp drop in the price of livestock. But even if there had been no actual drop in price the farmers stand to lose about 10 million dollars in income through the alteration in the dollar value.

Mr. J. E. Brownlee, president of the Grain Growers Company, clearly explained this in his statement to the press last week. Hon. Mr. Abbott, the Minister of Finance, excused himself for unpegging the dollar by saying that "hot money" was being brought into Canada by the millions in anticipation of the Canadian dollar rising to par of the American dollar. So Mr. Abbott unpegged the dollar ostensibly to defeat the object of those who had flooded the country with hot money so as to cash in on the dollar rise. But it was the "hot money" which raised the value of the Canadian dollar and made it possible for Mr. Abbott to unpeg without incurring the immediate danger which he pegged the dollar to escape. And the farmers are the first to suffer the economic reaction.

The great evil in this whole spectacle is allowing the means of exchange to be considered as a commodity and to be bought and sold like eggs or potatoes. Money-mongers who make millions out of buying and selling money could not do so if money were not regarded as a commodity. As it is a few money sharks in America could move enough money into Canada to boost our dollar. They bring it in at a ten per cent premium and if they can thereby raise the Canadian dollar ten per cent above the American dollar, they will move their money back again into America thus making ten per cent for putting it in and ten per cent for taking it out again. When Mr. Abbott unpegged the dollar he increased the profit of the "hot money" vendors by over five per cent and lowered the price of farm products as much as \$2.00 per hundred pounds on beef.

However, that is what the farmers voted for, so perhaps we should not say anything.

THIS FREEDOM

Farmers grumble about drought, about hail, about frost and about all sorts of pests. If by voting a farmer could end drought, stop hail and frost, etc., it is likely the farmer would vote to have that done. But farmers lose a good deal more by the pests of big business and the frosts of monopoly than they do from natural causes. And they take that in their stride and vote every four years to have it continued. One-half of one per cent increase on sales of the commodities he buys will turn his year's operation from a profit to a loss. Unpegging of the dollar lost more for the farmer.

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CAMROSE WOMEN'S TEA, OCTOBER 28

Camrose C.C.F. Women's Club met in the U.F.A. Hall in September and plans were made for a tea in the U.F.A. Hall on Saturday, Oct. 28. Half the proceeds will be given to the Canadian Institute for the Blind.

Several resolutions to be presented, at the November convention were discussed.

The treasurer, Mrs. A. Weiss, reported that some 60 memberships, mostly renewals, were sent to Central Office from her office. Mr. A. Isakson and Mrs. McNally gave assistance in obtaining these memberships.

The next meeting will be Monday, Oct. 16, at 3:00 p.m., in the U.F.A. Hall.

C.C.F. MEETING IN I.O.O.F. HALL, TUESDAY

Regular meeting of the Edmonton C.C.F. will be held in the I.O.O.F. Hall on Tuesday, October 17, at 8:15 p.m. Mrs. W. J. Adair and Art E. Thornton will report on the C.C.F. national convention held in Vancouver last summer. Resolutions to be forwarded to the C.C.F. provincial convention in Edmonton November 16, 17 and 18 will also be discussed at this meeting.

New Books and Pamphlets

The Literature Committee of the C.C.F. reminds readers that a number of new booklets and pamphlets are being added to those already on hand.

Facts About C.C.F. Government in Saskatchewan (Price 10 cents) gives a most interesting picture of increased benefits obtained by the people through the C.C.F. Here, for 10 cents, are the facts and figures which every C.C.F.-er should have.

Wanted: Vital Religion in Politics (Price 5 cents) is a handy pocket size little booklet by Dr. L. J. Donaldson which, to quote P. F. Moriarty, 25 years secretary of the X.M.C.A., "is most insistent in showing that Christian principles, when applied, contain the only sound basis for an economic system". Dr. Donaldson's subtitle for the pamphlet is "C.C.F. Principles Agree With Christian Ideals".

Who Owns Canada? If you don't already own a copy of this reliable examination of the facts concerning the concentration of control and ownership of the wealth of Canada, send for one now. Price 50 cents.

European Unity (15c)—A new pamphlet which gives the British Labor Party's views on methods by which European unity should be pursued.

Planning For Freedom (Reduced from \$1.25 to 50c). Though written in 1944, the first section of this book discusses issues of vital importance today. Excellent club material.

We still have a number of copies of Jennie Lee's **Tomorrow Is A New Day** (50c).

They'll Ask You (5c) — A primer of C.C.F. questions and answers.

Speaker's Notes (\$1.00)—An invaluable reference of facts dealing with a wide range of subjects, i.e., Social Security, Agriculture, Freight Rates, Farm Machinery Prices, International Trade, etc.

Stock up on interesting reading now. Watch this space for new books and pamphlets for your library.

Interesting Display Of Handicraft At C.C.F. Tea

The many guests who visited the H.B. Co.'s Empire Room on Saturday on the occasion of the C.C.F. Women's Club annual tea, felt amply rewarded for doing so. Besides the friendly visiting over a cup of tea there was a varied and most interesting display of handicraft.

A genuine native grass skirt decorated with shells and seeds from Tahiti, with matching shell head bandeaux called forth much admiration.

From Mexico there were straw hats, donkeys and baskets with a pair of beautifully hand-carved lamps and a model of a Mexican ox-cart.

Covered Wagon

A model of a covered wagon, complete with tiny water cask, dress trunk, pick and shovel, and even the whip was an object of wonder and fascination.

From India there was a lovely scarab necklace and jade beads cut and polished by native hands.

Other examples of handicraft were tooled leather and copper, a pair of dainty shell pictures in a floral motif and beautiful examples of petit point pictures.

A pair of Venetian hand-painted blown glass vases were greatly admired.

Beautiful Needlework

In the needlework section was a banquet cloth of Maltese drawn thread work and lovely pieces of Hardanger work and Ukrainian smocks embroidered in multi-colored cross-stitch. There were samples of netting, tatting, knitted and crocheted lace, almost every kind of embroidery, and a collection of beautiful needlework done by Mrs. Liesemer, the mother of our Calgary M.L.A.

Looking at this collection, the writer was amazed at the almost limitless possibilities for creating beauty which lie in the human hands when they are allied with patience, perseverance and the skill which can be acquired there-with.—Mrs. H. Scott, Secretary.

C.C.F. WOMEN'S CLUB

The October meeting of the Edmonton C.C.F. Women's Club will be held on Monday, October 16, at 8:00 p.m. at Woodworth House, 10140 107 Street. All women are welcome.

C.C.F. MEETINGS

Mrs. Nellie Peterson, Alberta C.C.F. Vice-President, and William Irvine, Director of C.C.F. Organization, are scheduled to address meetings at the following points:

MRS. NELLIE PETERSON

Wary—Oct. 16.
Wenham Valley—Oct. 17.
Crystal Springs—Oct. 18.
Tofield—Oct. 19.
Holden (North)—Oct. 20.
Sedgewick—Oct. 23.
Bawlf—Oct. 24.
Daysland—Oct. 25.
Coronation—Nov. 1.
Consort—Nov. 2.
Naco—Nov. 3.
Acadia—Coronation Constituency Convention, Sedalia—Nov. 4.
Belvedere—Nov. 8.
Dunstable—Nov. 9.
Roselea—Nov. 10.
Padstow—Nov. 11.
Deer Lodge—Nov. 13.

WILLIAM IRVINE

Harvest Home—Oct. 16.
Brightview—Oct. 17.
Westrose—Oct. 18.
Ryley—Oct. 19.
Holden (South)—Oct. 20.
Bruce—Oct. 23.
Viking—Oct. 24.
Excel—Nov. 1.
Oyen—Nov. 2.
Helmsdale—Nov. 3.
Acadia—Coronation Constituency Convention, Sedalia—Nov. 4.
Belvedere—Nov. 8.
Dunstable—Nov. 9.
Roselea—Nov. 10.
Anselmo—Nov. 11.
Darwell—Nov. 13.



MRS. J. W. ADAIR
President of the Edmonton Women's C.C.F. Club, is in charge of arrangements for the banquet which will be held at the Masonic Temple on Thursday, November 16, the opening day of the C.C.F. provincial convention.

ROBERT CARLYLE

D. C. DANDELL
Sylvan Lake—Oct. 19.
Eckville—Oct. 26.

ELMER E. ROPER

Elmer E. Roper, M.L.A., C.C.F. Provincial Leader, will give an illustrated lecture with colored slides which he took himself when he visited Britain last summer, when he speaks on the topic, "How Britain Looks to a Canadian in 1950", at a banquet at Caster on Friday, Nov. 10.

The Provincial Leader will also address meetings at the Central Community Hall, Crooked Lake and in Calgary in October.

CONVENTION BILLETS

Delegates to the C.C.F. provincial convention in Edmonton requiring billets are asked to write Mrs. Edsel East, chairman of the billeting committee, 11230 99 Avenue, Edmonton. All such requests should be forwarded to Mrs. East not later than Monday, November 13.

Delegates requiring hotel accommodation are asked to make their own reservations at least a week in advance.

CCYM RESOLUTIONS BILLETS

Resolutions for discussion at the C.C.Y.M. convention in Edmonton on Saturday, November 18, should be forwarded to Carroll Wenas, c/o Woodworth House, Edmonton. Delegates requiring billets should also send their requests to Mr. Wenas. The C.C.Y.M. convention is being held at Woodworth House, while C.C.F. provincial convention sessions, Nov. 16, 17 and 18, will be at the Masonic Temple.

"I suppose," remarked the superior young man, "that you are one of those women who read the ending of a book first."

"Oh, no, I'm not that silly, I always start in the middle."

"In the middle?"

"Yes. It doubles the suspense. Then I can wonder how the story will end and also how it began."

Have you sent in your 1950 C.C.F. membership? The movement is depending on you.

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What's Essential?

OTTAWA, (CPA). — Parliament has passed an Essential Materials Act which gives the government power to exercise wide controls over the Canadian economy. The bill gives Mr. Howe, as Minister of Trade and Commerce, complete control over the production, processing, supply and prices of goods and services which become scarce because of defence buying. The Minister made it clear, however, that he planned to use his power only to control strategic and essential materials as steel and electricity.

Legislation Required

For the C.C.F., Mr. Coldwell criticized the government because the bill did not provide for overall price controls. "It is all very well," he said, "to ensure the distribution of essential goods for industry where they will do the most good; but at the same time great care has to be exercised to see to it that the general population will have allocated to them the things that they need to maintain their homes and their families. . . . The minister has said that there were hoarders, and I am going to suggest that there may also be some profiteers. Hoarding and profiteering we decry in this House of Commons; but we found during the second world war that we had to do more than decry hoarders and profiteers. We had to introduce legislation to control the price level of ordinary goods."

Freedom From Discontent

"Effective defence," the Minister said, "demands the co-operation of industry and all the people. I want to say to the government that if we are going to get that co-operation there must be freedom from discontent. Industrial unrest resulting in strikes would be disastrous to the defence preparation plans that the minister has in mind. Let us also bear in mind that so far as the farming population is concerned, their prices have been falling in some instances. In the areas which some of us represent in the house the initial price of wheat this year is considerably lower than it was a year ago, and with the prospect of a low-grade crop the returns may not be nearly sufficient to meet the needs of the population. . . ."

Probably Won't Be

Though there seemed to be some confusion in Cabinet ranks, the debate left no doubt that price controls on some individual items could be instituted under the new Act, but probably won't be. On the other hand, overall price controls apparently cannot be put into effect under any legislation passed at the last session, and will require the recall of parliament. When the government finally takes off its blinkers and sees the runaway inflation, it may then attempt to lock the stable door.

The government's position is that it will control the cost of war but not the cost of living.

A Bit of Nonsense

Judge (to defendant): "You are lying so clumsily that I would advise you to get a lawyer."

Boy: "Grandmother, can you help me with this problem?"

Grandmother: "I could, dear, but I don't think it would be right."

Boy: "Maybe it wouldn't, but take a crack at it, anyway."

Senior (at basketball game): "See that big substitute down there playing forward? He's going to be our best man next year."

Co-ed: "Oh, darling, this is so sudden!"

Cost Of Living

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prices are at the highest point in the history of Canada, and bringing very real hardship to low-income families. He pointed out that while the Canadian and American price level on consumer goods is now practically the same, wages and farm returns across the line are considerably higher.

Three-quarters of the Canadian people want price controls restored. This was revealed in a public opinion poll released on Saturday, October 7. In a recent survey a representative section of the Canadian public were asked whether or not they were in favor of a renewal of price controls.

In favor of controls	75%
Against controls	14%
Qualified answers	7%
No opinion	4%

Total

Both Labor Congresses are on record as asking the government to introduce price controls. The Alberta Federation of Labor convention meeting in Edmonton this week also requested the government to put price controls into effect. Price supports for farm products, or alternatively, price control on goods, services, rents wages and profits, were demanded by representatives of Canadian prairie farmers, who visited federal government ministers in Ottawa on September 25. The farmers' brief was presented by C. J. Stimpfle, president of the Farmers' Union of Alberta, and J. L. Phelps, president of the Saskatchewan Farmers' Union. Additional and more specific controls to check the constantly rising cost of living were also asked by the Co-operative Union of Canada in a letter to Prime Minister St. Laurent recently.

C.C.F. Campaign

In his announcement this week, C.C.F. National Secretary Lorne Ingle stated that the various provincial sections of the C.C.F., as well as the C.C.F. government of Saskatchewan, are supporting the campaign fully. Many protest rallies are being organized and door-to-door canvassing is being undertaken to rally the support of all sections of the population. On Tuesday the National Leader of the C.C.F., M. J. Coldwell, delivered, over a national network, a broadcast entitled "Inflation Must Be Stopped!" In the next few weeks provincial C.C.F. leaders will deliver broadcasts over provincial networks in their respective provinces. In addition local broadcasts have been arranged in several places.

"Every possible means will be used," concluded Mr. Ingle, "to arouse public opinion. If enough pressure can be brought to bear on the government, through public opinion, we may get action."

She Has 25,000,000 "Customers"

By VICTOR THOMPSON in London Daily Herald

THE stalwart local doctor and his tall, young daughter, a red-head with the frankest blue eyes you ever saw, were well-known figures in the London suburb of Lee, S.E.

"Takes her everywhere and talks to her as if she were a man," people said about them.

"Attended her first confinement before she was seventeen!" they said.

"No good will come of it," they said.

But good did come of it. Today, after thirty years of rewarding toil, the tall and comely girl has become not only one of the most famous women in the land, but, I would say, one of the happiest.

Her name now is Mrs. E. Jeffrey Samuel, but the world knows her as Dr. Edith Summerskill, Minister of National Insurance.

She is the dynamic woman who presides over a Department with 25,000,000 "customers" — the Minister who caused a peculiar Commons storm recently by suggesting that there were better things to teach children than fighting. (She was referring to a move to provide boxing instruction for young boys.)

Opposition newspapers love to portray Dr. Edith as a bit of a dragon, a coldly scientific blue-stocking seeing people as statistics walking. Don't you believe them. Edith Summerskill is a human and humorous — person. Even the Opposition Members she sometimes lambasts so vigorously know



DR. EDITH SUMMERSKILL

that beneath that svelte exterior beats a heart of gold.

Flying Start

At the moment she is striving hard to make her Ministry the most understanding of all. In this task, she was given a flying start by her predecessor, Jim Griffiths.

As the Minister put it to me, "I want to be a Minister of Human Relations."

It was, I think, her father, the family doctor, who gave the first impetus to those humanitarian feelings.

As his red-headed daughter walked beside him along the suburban roads all those years ago, he talked to her of suffering and its causes and alleviation; of the effects of poverty on physical and mental health.

Clean milk was one of the causes he held dear, and he campaigned for it ceaselessly. His daughter was in the Commons when our present clean-milk measures were put on the Statute Book. . . .

The tall young woman decided to become a doctor herself. She studied medicine at King's College and Charing Cross Hospital, but soon after she began to practise her career was switched, almost by accident.

She had to give away prizes at a maternity clinic and make a speech on infant welfare. It was a passionately sincere speech, and it led to others. Before long, she was co-opted to Child Welfare Committees — and so the snowball of her political career began to roll.

"If they could have found anybody else to make that first speech," she told me once, "they wouldn't have asked me — and my life would have been very different."

First Things

Babies and mothers were the people she wanted to help. Babies and mothers are still, above all, her first consideration. That first confinement she witnessed in a suburban bedroom decided her paramount interest — as old Dr. Summerskill, her father, almost certainly knew it would.

She realized that it was not enough merely to believe in reforms, that to get something you had to work for it, wherever the work took you. So, early in the 30's (Continued on page 8)

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TOKYO (LPA) — Henry J. Kaiser has signed a contract with the East Japan Heavy Industry Co. here to start his cars rolling off the production line next January. They will be sold to occupation personnel and foreigners to boost Japan's foreign exchange revenue. Two technicians from the Japanese firm will go to the Kaiser-Frazer Willow Run plant in Michigan to study production methods.

Personal Stuff

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in Sweden the other day. It was the Socialist Party of the Swedish government which made gains, with the Communists and Conservatives the heavy losers. The press dispatches said the elections showed the Socialists to have a clear majority in the country. But there's another way in which Democratic Socialism is winning. All the reports of the United Nations Department of Economic Affairs and the Economic Co-operation Committee (ECA) show that the countries in Europe which are miles ahead in economic recovery are the countries with Socialist governments—Britain, Sweden, Norway and Denmark. Fortune Magazine, the leading American business periodical, in its October issue, says the increase in productivity in Britain in the past year has been remarkable "even by American standards". So we are getting dramatic and effective proof that the political principle for which we stand is doing the thing it claims to be able to do: give the people of a nation an improved standard of living by maintaining high production and fair distribution.

But all this doesn't mean anything unless it is translated into action by those who believe in our Democratic Socialist principles. Right now the C.C.F. in Alberta needs the co-operation of all its members and supporters as it never did before. The first requirement is to get in all the membership fees for the year. I want to make the most urgent appeal to all who read this column to attend to this matter of your membership if you have not already done so. We are coming up to our annual convention, on November 16, 17 and 18, in Edmonton. To make the convention a success we must have two things: Renewal of membership and a large and representative attendance. It has been made a membership convention. Every C.C.F. member is invited to attend. Let us show our support of our movement and what it stands for by making a very special effort to be at the convention. Plan it now, won't you?

Interesting

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the need for all C.C.F. members to rally to the support of the movement at this time. I hope the interest of our membership will be reflected in a big attendance," he said.

It is learned that tentative arrangements provide for a convention banquet on Thursday evening, Nov. 16, with the public meeting to be addressed by Dr. Scott on Friday the 17th.

More time than usual is being provided for the discussion of resolutions from local and constituency organizations and recommendations from the provincial board and committees.

The provincial board has already agreed to recommend to the convention that all members in good standing shall be permitted full privileges of the convention. This is being done to provide the fullest possible opportunity for general discussions and to encourage a large attendance.

Edmonton C.C.F. people are being asked to provide as many billets as possible, and those who plan to attend the convention are asked to notify the Edmonton committee as early as convenient.

C.C.F. broadcast every Tuesday at 10:20 p.m. from CFRN.

New President of U.N. Assembly



Ambassador Nasrollah Entezam of Iran (left) was elected President of the Fifth Regular Session of the United Nations General Assembly, now meeting at Flushing Meadow and Lake Success, N. Y. U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie congratulates Mr. Entezam.

Labor Wins

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fact that the county councils and the councils of the six largest cities elect members of the Upper House of the Riksdag, about one-eighth of which is replaced each year. In these Councils the Social Democrats will now have 828 mandates (86 gains), the Liberals 356 (112 gains), the Farmers' Union 221 (21 losses), the Conservatives 146 (70 losses), and the Communists 31 (76 losses). The Social Democratic representation in the Upper Chamber, with a membership of 159, will be reduced from 81 to 79 this fall, but as a result of the recent elections the party is likely to hold its own during the new four-year period.

Communist Defeat

The anti-red issue in Stockholm, where the Communists suffered such heavy losses, brought out a record 78 per cent vote. The red defeat was uniform throughout the country. Prime Minister Tage Erlander said, soon after the results were known, that the result showed the Swedish people's sound reaction against a party which without reservation serves the interests of a foreign power.

A total of 3,701,575 ballots were cast. According to preliminary figures, the five principal parties polled the following votes:

Social Democrats	1,816,502
Liberals (or People's Party)	799,723
Farmers' Union	459,776
Conservatives	438,551
Communists	134,603

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Trade Unionism

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2,865 locals of affiliated and directly chartered unions was 459,068. Decreases were recorded in the membership of the Canadian Congress of Labor and the Canadian and Catholic Confederation of Labor. Despite gains by several affiliated unions, the membership of the C.C.L. was lower in 1948 owing to the expulsion of two unions from its ranks during 1949 and stood at 301,629. The Canadian Congress has 1,175 locals and the C.C.C.L. has 424 locals, with a total membership of 80,089.

Union membership and local branches in Canada, 1949:

Trades and Labor Congress of Canada	2,865 branches, 459,068 members
American Federation of Labor	40—29 branches, 13,996 members
Canadian Congress of Labor	1,175 branches, 301,629 members
Congress of Industrial Organizations	only—63 branches, 27,475 members
Canadian and Catholic Confederation of Labor	424 branches, 83,089 members
International Railway Brotherhoods (Independent)	—382 branches with 41,363 members
Canadian Federation of Labor	7 branches, 3,872 members
National Council of Canadian Labor	—17 branches, 3,451 members

Other unaffiliated national and international unions—255 branches, 57,923 members. Unaffiliated local unions—61 branches, 16,673 members. Total number of branches and members—5,268, 1,005,639.

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we find her contesting and winning a Middlesex County Council seat.

By that time she was married. Her husband was a young Welsh-speaking Welshman—a doctor, of course. Today Dr. Samuel is a busy man and, into the bargain, a delightful and amusing man who makes gentle fun of his famous wife. Example: "I refused to change my name when we married," he said to me.

And now—you know most of the rest.

In Parliament

After contesting Bury and Putney with that mixture of humor and fiery sincerity which is her special platform talent, and which has made her second only to Emanuel Shinwell as a demolisher of hecklers, she entered Parliament in 1938 at a famous by-election in West Fulham, her present constituency.

Dr. Samuel and their two children, Michael and Shirley, were in the Public Gallery to see Mummie take her seat. She went through the ceremony with her usual self-possession—and with not a single glance up to the family aloft.

Well, if she had glanced, she would almost certainly have winked. There had, you see, been certain family discussions about the hat she chose to wear for the occasion.

The war came, and Dr. Samuel put on uniform and went to slave in Army hospitals. The peace came, and after the 1945 General Election Dr. Edith found herself in one of the hardest jobs of the Administration: Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food.

Her Department was attacked furiously, and she, when she deputised for her Minister, fought back with fire, but without loss of temper.

In committees and in her constituency she worked hard, and now, rewarded with Cabinet rank, she works even harder.

What, then, you ask, happens to her home life, if any?

Well, I have been in her flat and had dinner there, and I can assure you (not that it is really any business of ours, but one can't help being curious) that it is a gracious place with a friendly atmosphere—and good food even when Shirley (now 18 and going to Oxford) cooks one of her special chocolate blancmanges.

When Michael, aged 21, is down from Oxford (where he has been chairman of the University Labour Club), the family meets always over the dinner table and has great, hearty arguments ranging from atom bombs to spinach, from James Boswell to Humphrey Bogart.

And Dr. Samuel, that quietly smiling man, deftly pokes the fires of argument whenever his lively family seems to be flagging.

It is, I feel, above all, a good-tempered home, with every member respecting the rights of the others.

Which is why I say that the Minister of National Insurance is not only a most successful woman but a happy one.

She works all out at a job on which she is tremendously keen; she has fame outside her home and in it there is deep, reciprocated affection.

At 49, she can look forward to many more full years, and look back on a distinguished career in a movement which has wrought a peaceful revolution.

If anybody attacks that movement, she will—despite her pronouncement about fighting—go for them red-headed.

Beyond that, she is one of the most civilized beings I have met for a long time: a feminist who has remained feminine, an administrator who is still human.

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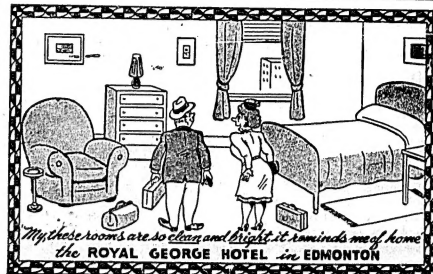
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